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OUR SAINTED DEAD

These All Died in the Faith

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”

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Year	Name	Address
1881	Platt, W. M.	Columbia, La.
1897	Brown, G. J. L.	Ball, La.
1898	Hearne, E. O.	Chatham, La.
1901	Bartlett, M. E.	Phoenix, Arizona
1902	Shows, F. Lyman	Pollock, La.
1903	Dunn, W. S.	Glenella, La.
1903	Reid, J. F.	Winnfield, La.
1904	Perdue, Mary E.	Atlanta, Texas
1905	Lewis, J. H.	Winnfield, La.
1907	Holt, J. A.	Atlanta, Texas
1910	Lee, J. W.	Grayson, La.
1910	Downs, J. R.	West Monroe, La.
1911	Dennard, E. A.	Gibbsland, La.
1912	Griffin, B. F.	Athens, La.
1912	Wardlow, Lula	Montgomery, La.
1916	Harris, W. W.	Fouke, Arkansas
1917	Strozier, James R.	Ball, La.
1921	Yeager, Ira L.	Monroe, La.
1917-24	Williams, J. A. D.	Jefferson, Texas
1917	Strozier, John M.	Jena, La.
1915	Cantley, H. H.	Jerome, Arkansas
1920	Ragsdale, W. F.	Simmsboro, La.
1924	Walker, Richard M.	Jonesboro, La.
1921	McVey, G. A.	Montgomery, La.
1923	Kendrick, Bessie	Jena, La.
1914-25	Stewart, O. W.	Pollock, La.
1910-27	Rockhold, G. W.	Jonesboro, La.
1898-1927	Patton, I. A.	West Monroe, La.
1898-1927	Hearne, J. C.	Grayson, La.
1928	Waller, W. T.	Dodson, La.
1928	Combs, J. H.	Linden, Texas
1929	Lee, Morris	Chatham, La.
1930	Deville, A.	Monroe, La.
1931	Hearne, R. H.	Chatham, La.
1931	Hearne, F. L.	207 Coleman Ave, West Monroe, La.
1931	Ramsey, Ola	Chatham, La.
1932	Blackburn, J. B.	Homer, La., R. F. D. No. 3
1932	Grant, Edwin H.	Grayson, La.
1932	LaCroix, H. E.	Tioga, La.

UNDER GRADUATES

Third Year

L. A. Boddie	Pollock, La.
James A. Jones	Pineville, La.
J. T. Cotton	Jena, La.

Second Year

Jack Wiggins	Grayson, La.
Paul Durbin	Eros, La., Rt. 2

First Year

Ezell Garlington	Bentley La.
Charles Moore	
M. L. Lee	Eros, La.

SUPERANNUATED

W. M. Platt	Columbia, La.
J. A. Riley	Trout, La.

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Place	Name	Address
Arcadia	M. E. Camp	Arcadia, La.
Monroe	W. W. McDonald	Monroe, La.
Bentley	H. S. Garlington	Bentley, La.
Strickland	Miss Elah Shows	Pollock, La.
Chatham	G. P. Martin	Chatham, La.
Grayson	Mrs. May Meredith	Kelley, La.
Ansley	L. J. Overstreet	Ansley, La.
Dodson	C. A. Waller	Dodson, La.
Bastrop	J. R. Bennett	Bastrop, La.
Urania	Mrs. J. W. Ramsey	Urania, La.
Campbell		
Winnfield	Mrs. Edna Wilson	Winnfield, La.
Jonesboro	P. C. Thomas	Jonesboro, La.
Pine Grove	Mrs. Lucy Shipp	Pine Grove, La.
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Mt. Nebo	H. D. Brashier	Downsville, La.
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P. C. Thomas

By Laws and Rules of Order

J. F. Reid
J. A. Holt
G. W. Rockhold

THANKS

Edwin H. Grant
I. W. Collier

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled for the Eighty-Sixth Session at Ansley, Louisiana, October 21st, 1932.

The President reading a part of the third chapter of Collossions for the Scripture lesson, after engaging in earnest prayer he declared the Conference open for business.

Mr. J. N. Landes gave the welcome address which was followed by a fitting response by Rev. Lula Wardlow.

The Secretary called the roll. Upon motion the Conference bar was fixed.

At this time the Secretary called the roll of our honored dead.

Upon motion the reports of E. A. Dennard, G. J. L. Brown, J. F. Reid, G. W. Rockhold were read and adopted.

After announcing the names of the various committees appointed by the President, a motion prevailed to adjourn for the opening sermon which was delivered by Rev. Mary Perdue. Scripture John 8:12.

First Day Afternoon Session

Conference called to order by the President. Devotionals by Rev. Paul Durbin.

Roll call omitted.

Chairman on Credentials submitted report which was adopted.

The reports of Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, J. A. Holt and H. H. Cantley were read and adopted.

Committee on Itenerancy and Orders submitted report which was adopted.

The President after calling Rev. Ira L. Yeager to the chair submitted his report which was adopted.

Upon motion Rev. J. B. Blackburn was received into the Conference.

Revs. M. L. Lee and Henley of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. Weabery of the Baptist Church were introduced to the Conference and granted honorary seats.

Rev. Edwin H. Grant submitted report which was adopted.

The order of the day having arrived the Conference entered into the election of officers.

The President appointed W. W. McDonald, J. L. Overstreet and James R. Strozier tellers of the election.

Rev. F. Lyman Shows was elected President.

Mary E. Perdue, Secretary and Ira L. Yeager, Treasurer
The same Standing District Committee was re-elected.

Rev. E. O. Hearn was elected to take the place of F. Lyman Shows on the Board of Church Extension. With this change the same Board was re-elected.

Rev. B. F. Griffin was re-elected Statistician.

J. M. Strozier, W. F. Ragsdale submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion Rev. Lula Wardlow was elected to serve three years on the Board of Education and Rev. J. W. Lee was elected to serve one year on same Board.

Upon motion Rev. Edwin H. Grant was elected to preach the commencement sermon at the next annual session.

Upon motion Rev. F. Lyman Shows was elected to preach the ordination sermon and the time was fixed Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour.

Motion to adjourn.

Rev. Edwin H. Grant in his masterful way filled the pulpit at the evening hour.

Second Day Morning Session

Conference called to order by the President.

Scripture reading by Rev. Falcon Hearn. Prayer offered by Rev. I. A. Patton.

The roll was called and the minutes read and adopted.

Committee on Periodicals submitted report which was adopted.

Chairman of By Laws and Rules of Order gave notice of several changes to be made on same.

Committee on Missions submitted report which was adopted.

Rev. J. W. Lee was elected to serve on "The Board of Louisiana's Young Peoples' Council of Christian Education."

Committee on Education presented report which was adopted.

Upon motion the 9:30 hour was the time granted for the Louisiana Branch of the Womans Missionary Auxiliary to present their work to the Conference.

Revs. J. H. Lewis and Morris Lee submitted reports which were adopted.

Mrs. Ola Ramsey and O. W. Stewart submitted reports which were adopted.

Upon motion the Conference voted to send greetings to our two aged superannuates Revs. W. M. Platt and J. A. Riley.

Upon motion all ministers who are members of the Conference must send report to the annual Conference or be reduced to the local ranks.

At this time the President of the Louisiana Brance of Womans Missionary Auxiliary presented their work to the Conference in a most impressive way.

Committee on Temperance submitted report which was adopted.

Reports were received from W. W. Harris, J. H. Combs, W. T. Waller and A. Deville and adopted.
Motion to adjourn.

Second Day Afternoon Session

Conference re-assembled promptly on time.

Devotionals by Rev. Ezell Garlington.

Roll call omitted.

Chairman on Pastor's Report submitted report which was adopted.

Motion prevailed to fix place for the sitting of the next Conference. Grayson, Winnfield and Jonesboro were placed in nomination.

Jonesboro was unanimously declared the place and the time was fixed to be Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1933 at ten o'clock.

Committee on Finance submitted report which was adopted.

At this time Dr. Frank Stephenson was introduced and addressed the Conference in a most masterful manner concerning the various interests of the denomination.

Chairman on Itenerancy and Orders submitted a supplementary report which was adopted.

Motion to adjourn for a night session.

Second Day Evening Session

Conference called to order by the President.

Conference Treasurer submitted report which was adopted.

Secretary of Board of Church Extension submitted report which was adopted.

The Overture sent down by the General Conference adopted.

Rev. J. R. Downs reported his splendid work as superintendent of the Home of the Good Samaritan and upon motion his report was adopted and he was given the same appointment for another year.

Committee on Thanks submitted report which was adopted.

The President announced that the Stationing Committee had completed their work and that their report would be read at the close of the 11 o'clock hour.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1933, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Benediction by Rev. J. R. Downs.

The Sabbath Day

The services of the day began with a very impressive memorial service in memory of Mrs. J. F. Reid, beloved wife of one of our faithful ministers Rev. J. F. Reid.

At the 11 o'clock hour the President Rev. F. Lyman Shows delivered the ordination sermon; at the close Edwin H. Grant and H. E. LaCroix were ordained.

The Stationing Committee read their report and the services closed with the singing of a good song and benediction with a fervent prayer.

— R E P O R T S —

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Eighty-Sixth Session of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church Now in Session at Ansley, La., GREETINGS:

I beg leave to submit this my annual report:

As soon as possible after the last annual conference I entered upon my duties as I saw them, visiting the different works and holding quarterly conferences where possible.

Official Acts:

Soon after the last annual conference I released Sister Wardlow from the Mt. Zion and Cooley Churches on Hicks Circuit and appointed G. A. McVey to succeed.

I releaved Sister Perdue's resignation from the church at Urania which has been supplied since by Stephen B. Williams.

Later I released Bro. LaCroix from the Dry Prong Church on the Bentley Circuit and appointed Rev. G. J. L. Brown to take that work. I then appointed Sister Perdue to the Queen City Circuit.

In April I called upon Rev. Jim Brazeal and demanded his credentials which were surrendered to me. I later appointed Rev. F. L. Hearn pastor of the Bastrop and Hughes Chapel Churches.

About the first of July I released Rev. F. L. Shows from the Grayson Church on Grayson Circuit, which has been unsupplied until now.

In June I released Rev. R. H. Hearne from Pine Grove and Walnut Grove Churches and in July appointed Rev. Paul Durbin pastor.

In August I released Rev. J. R. Strozier from Concord Church on the Chatham Circuit and appointed Rev. F. L. Hearne to succeed him.

Improvements:

We have built a new church at Bethlehem on the Mt. Nebo Charge.

We have covered the Church in Monroe.

We have covered the church in Coifax.

We have bought a school building at Campbell Chapel.

We have built a splendid church and parsonage at Jonesboro, La.

Work in General:

I have held twenty-six (26) quarterly conferences, have traveled approximately 20,000 miles. I have visited most of the churches in the district, some of them as high as four or five times. I have tried to give my service where it has been needed the most. I have put forth every effort that I could to encourage and promote the various causes of our church. Due to the depression in part it has been a very difficult year with many changes and differences to be looked after. This has been an unusual hard year for our preachers due to the fact that they have not had the financial support needed to do work expected of them.

Our general church is suffering greatly for lack of funds. The amount of money raised for the annual and general conference interest is not in proportion in many instances to the pastor's salary. This annual conference should make some very definite financial plans for the promotion of the various and suffering needs of our denomination.

Our church history is very convincing that we had a holy and just reason for organizing and developing a denominational program. We have led Methodism in practically all the reforms in the Methodist doctrines and polity for over a century. Is our work done? I for one believe that Methodism still needs the Methodist Protestant Church to herald forth a strong voice in defense of religious democracy, fundamentalism, and true scriptural holiness, free from wild fires and fanaticisms that are raging through our country under the heads of many new and catchy names with their peculiar doctrines.

Yours in Christ,

J. W. LEE.

— APPOINTMENTS —

PLACE	CHURCHES	PASTOR
Monroe	Monroe	I. L. Yeager Pres. Salary \$65.00
Arcadia	Bethlehem, Black Lake, Cross Roads, Spring Hill	B. F. Griffin Pres. Salary \$80.00
Bentley	Dry Prong, Bentley Spring Hill, Ball	J. R. Strozier Pres. Salary \$45.00
Ansley	Ansley	I. L. Yeager Pres. Salary \$65.00
Strickland	Pollock, Clear Creek, Bethel, Barrons Chapel	L. A. Boddie Pres. Salary \$60.00
Border Lane	Border Lane	J. A. Holt Pres. Salary \$8.00
Chatham	Chatham, Concord Mt. Pleasant, Zoar	Morris Lee Pres. Salary \$65.00
Grayson	Grayson	Edwin H. Grant Pres. Salary \$100.00
Kelly-Jena	Jena, Kelley Shiloh, Belah	J. W. Lee Pres. Salary \$65.00
Dodson	Dodson Antioch	E. O. Hearn Pres. Salary \$45.00
Bastrop	Bastrop	W. F. Ragsdale Pres. Salary \$40.00
Hicks	Mt. Zion, Couley Hollings Chapel	F. L. Hearn Pres. Salary \$40.00
Colfax	Colfax	Mrs. Lula Wardlow Pres. Salary \$15.00

PLACE	CHURCHES	PASTOR
Jonesboro	Jonesboro	Mary E. Perdue Pres. Salary \$35.00
Pine Grove	Pine Grove, Walnut Grove, Hickory Grove, Luna	Paul Durbin Pres. Salary \$40.00
Urania	Urania	Unsupplied Pres. Salary \$40.00
Campbell	Campbells Chapel, New Hope, Center Point	I. A. Patton Pres. Salary \$85.00
Winnfield	Winnfield Lewis Chapel	J. A. Jones Pres. Salary \$40.00
Mt. Nebo	Mt. Nebo, Bethel Heflin	G. A. McVey Pres. Salary \$40.00
Queen City	Courtland Knights Bluff	Unsupplied Pres. Salary \$40.00
Evergreen	Evergreen Antioch	R. M. Walker Pres. Salary \$25.00
Sardis	Sardis	Jack Wiggins Pres. Salary \$8.00
Roberts Mission	Concord	W. W. Harris Pres. Salary \$8.00

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

M. E. Bartlett, O. W. Stewart, J. C. Hearn, G. J. L. Brown,
Bessie Kendrick, H. E. LaCroix, Ola Ramsey, J. B. Blackburn

CONFERENCE MISSIONARIES

W. T. Waller, G. W. Rockhold, J. F. Reid, H. H. Cantley and
E. A. Dennard.

J. R. DOWNS, Supt. Home of Good Samariatian.

WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

J. A. D. Williams, J. H. Combs, J. M. Strozier, A. Deville, J.
C. Cotton, J. E. Garlington, Charles Moore, M. L. Lee.

OVERTURE ADOPTED BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Constitution, Article VI, Section 1, is to be amended so that the section shall read as follows:

“There shall be four Quarterly Conferences in each station, circuit, or mission in every conference year, which shall be composed of all ministers, preachers, exhorters, trustees, stewards, class leaders, Sabbath School superintendents, and the presidents of the Christian Endeavor Societies, of the Brotherhood, or Layman’s Fellowship, in full membership, belonging to the station, circuit or mission; provided that the pastor or five members of the Quarterly Conference shall have authority to call special meetings of the Quarterly Conference at other times when circumstances make it necessary.”

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

At the beginning of the Conference year, 1931-32, as was reported at the last session of the Annual Conference, October, 1931:

In Treasury	\$127.59
January 23, 1932, received check from Rev. F. L. Shows, for Extension Board.....	51.00
October 19, 1932, Received from Colfax Church.....	21.00
October 22, 1932, Church Extension.....	30.19
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	\$229.78
Jan. 4, 1932, Loan to Campbell’s Chapel	\$75.00
Sept. 1, 1932, Loan to Stone Ave. Church, Monroe, Louisiana	75.00
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	\$150.00
Oct. 21, 1932, Amount in Treasury.....	\$ 79.78
I. L. YEAGER, Treasurer, Extension Board	

REPORT ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER

Received to apply on General Conference Delegate Expense
\$34.90.

Same was delivered to Rev. J. W. Lee, May 18, 1932.

Contingent fund in hands of former treasurer \$20.38.

In as much as neither delegate attended General Conference, it was suggested that this amount be credited to the Annual Conference President's Salary, giving each local church credit for the amount that each had contributed to the General Conference Delegate Fund. Each Church that had made a contribution was notified of this suggestion and all who replied were in favor of the transfer.

Received for General Conference.....	\$115.50
Oct. 21, 1932, for General Conference.....	5.00
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	\$120.50

Received for Annual Conference.....	\$150.00
Church Extension Fund	\$30.20
Conference Journal	33.97
Conference Secretary	33.97
Conference Treasurer	7.55
General Conference Delegate	45.30

FINANCE

We your Committee submit the following report:

Presidents Salary	\$1200.00
Annual Conference	\$1200.00

Distributed as follows:

- Church Extension—20 per cent.
- Conference Secretary—22½ per cent.
- Conference Journal—22½ per cent.
- Conference Treasurer—10 per cent.
- General Conference Delegate—15 per cent.
- Superannuated Fund—10 per cent.

New Century Service	\$1,000.00
(Apportioned the same as last year.)	

Annual Conference claims apportioned to each Charge to be the same or equal to the President's Salary.

Each Evangelist and Missionary to be assessed \$5.00,
the same to be applied on the President's Salary.

W. W. McDONALD
H. S. GARLINGTON
MRS. NETTIE FOWLER

EDUCATION

We the Committee on Education submit the following report:

We are living in an age that necessitates more education in every vocation of life than in former ages.

No organized body of people ever rises higher than the institution in its midst. As a Methodist Protestant people we will not make more progress than the several units which compose the whole body.

Each minister and preacher is a unit of this great body, therefore, he or she should render efficient service in order to promote the cause for which he or she stands.

Never before has the world demanded higher standards and clearer thinking on the part of the gospel ministry. With the high schools and colleges in our land the opportunity lieth at our door for an educated ministry. Therefore, we recommend:

That every man or woman coming into this Conference and undertaking the great task of preaching the gospel do all in his power to attend one of our colleges and thus qualify himself for more efficient service in the Master's kingdom.

We further recommend that the ministers and preachers of this Conference preach an occasional sermon on Christian Education and insist upon their congregation taking advantage of the wonderful opportunity afforded them, and that as a Conference we place ourselves on record as being ardent supporters of our denominational institutions and that each minister put forth a greater effort to place the church paper in the homes of the people.

Respectfully submitted:
IRA L. YEAGER
JOHN TARVER
L. A. BODDIE

ITENERANCY AND ORDERS

We Recommend:

1st: That Edwin H. Grant having satisfactory met the requirements of the Conference be elected to Elder's Orders. Also that H. E. LaCroix having completed the course of study be elected to Elder's Orders.

2nd: That James A. Jones and L. A Boddie having pursued the course of study but not having completed same be retained in the 3rd year's course and that that be granted license to administer the ordinances if given a charge.

3rd: That Jack Wiggins be retained in the 2nd year's course and that J. T. Cotton be passed to 3rd year course of study

4th: That Paul Durbin be passed to the second year's course of study and that James Brezeal and H. C. Luther be dropped.

5th: That Ezell Garlington and Charles Moore and M. L. Lee be received into the Conference and be placed in the 1st year's course of study.

IRA L. YEAGER
MRS. LULA WARDLOW
J. W. LEE

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

We recommend that each under-graduate become a member of the Circulating Library.

The small amount of only \$1.00 entitles one to a life-time membership with the privilege of having the use of one book per month, the only extra cost being the postage on same.

We also recommend that the undergraduates attend the Young Peoples Training School to be held at Grayson, La., (the date to be announced later) where they will be instructed in their studies and given credit for their work.

LULA WARDLOW
IRA L. YEAGER
J. W. LEE

PERIODICALS

Inasmuch as the trend of the age is downward and there is continually coming from the printing presses books, papers and magazines that are poisonous to the moral character of the people, and

Whereas, the homes are being supplied with such literature, we deem it necessary to urge upon every pastor to see that the people of his Charge be supplied with good, clean, wholesome literature that will help their spiritual lives and give them higher ideals.

We further recommend that every pastor and family of the Methodist Protestant Church subscribe for the Methodist Protestant Recorder and that we use our own Sunday School Literature.

JAMES R. STROZIER
G. P. MORTEN
G. W. ROCKHOLD

TEMPERANCE RELATIONS

We the members of this committee wish to use the broad definition of the term Temperance, by not referring merely to liquor but to all habits and vices which unite and tend to lower the moral and spiritual life and behavior of the individual and society at large.

We recommend that every minister and layman stand in his own place of temperance and raise a warning voice against all evils over which the term Temperance reaches. As a Conference may we not only vote but preach against all illicit and unclean movies, tobacco, swearing, financial waste and the like.

Further, in view of the success of prohibition, and the high ideals of the American people, be it resolved that this Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church now in session at Ansley, La., go on record as being against any move which in any wise would tend to license or permit alcoholic drinks being sold whether under national, state or local control. We believe in our country, her officials, and her high ideals and desire the continuance of the safety of

the public by maintaining and enforcing the 18th Amendment.

J. C. HEARNE
MRS. RAMSEY
EDWIN H. GRANT, Chairman

MISSIONS

We your committee submit this report:

1st: That our Conference support the missionary program as set forth by the General Board of Missions.

Realizing that the success of this movement depends on the co-operating with the Womans Missionary Branch in organizing auxiliaries at all appointments in the Charge where such organizations has not been perfected.

We feel that these Auxiliaries are the life of our churches and in this way our women feel the responsibility and learn more about the program of our church in general.

R. M. WALKER
MRS. E L. MEREDITH
C. A. WALLER

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

Beloved, no group of men and women are more keenly aware of the results of the present depression than are we, the members of this Conference. However, in spite of the depressing circumstances you, the people of Ansley, have far surpassed our expectations and transcended any entertainment of which we are worthy.

Therefore, we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the Davis Brothers, the Baptist friends and the others outside our local church who have made possible the happy hours of comfort and satisfaction. For your homes, for your bounties and for your every kindness we thank you sincerely.

Then may God who alone can repay, and who alone can help in these days of great strain, add his sweetest, richest, and best of graces and blessings to the friends and members of Ansley church.

Courteously submitted:
I. W. COLLIER
EDWIN H. GRANT

BY-LAWS

Section 1. No delegates shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in case of alternate, the certificate shall so express it.

Section 2. Delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected from the members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of fifteen years. In circuits, stations and missions, it shall be the duty of the Steward to designate the time and place and give notice of election. The election shall be held under the direction of the Stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates and next highest shall be declared alternate or alternates, and receive certificates accordingly; provided that in the case of a tie, members of Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote shall decide; and provided further, that in case the delegate and alternate elected from any work are providentially hindered from attending the Annual Conference to which they were elected then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent the work in the Conference. That no one, especially the men shall be allowed to vote for delegate who does not contribute regularly for the support of the pastor and the claims of the General and Annual Conference.

Section 3. No person shall be elected to orders, except they be persons of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrine of Christianity and faithful in the discharge of gospel duties.

Section 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than two years at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerate labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred provided he, at his own request, may locate by vote of the conference.

Section 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission, shall cease from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the President, for reason by him deemed expedient.

Section 6. The Secretary shall furnish each pastor with a condensed blank Pastors report at least ten days prior to the opening of each session of the Annual Conference that each pastor during the morning of the second day of Conference hand their reports to the Committee on Pastors Reports and that as soon as passed upon by committees and Conference, said report shall be delivered to Conference Steward for his action, then to the Statistical Secretary for final disposition. Should any pastor fail to comply with this rule for the first offense he shall be reprimanded by the President and for the second offense shall be located by a majority vote of the Conference. That the Evangelists and Conference Missionaries read their report to the Conference. We recommend that when the President visits a pastoral charge, that he first converse freely with the pastor as to the spiritual and financial condition of the charge and that he insist on a strict obedience to the vows made when uniting with the church.

Section 7. The Board of Stewards of each Charge shall soon after the adjournment of the Annual Conference meet and in connection with the pastor proportion the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for the support of the pastor. The proportion to be made to each class according to ability and willingness to pay and that the Stewards see that the same is paid promptly and in connection with Section 7, we recommend that each Steward keep a non-effective roll, noting those that are able and do not contribute to the support of the pastor, the president and to the general interest of the Church and that the Stewards notify the pastor of the number of members that do not help support the Church.

Section 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the Church no one shall be entitled to vote except those who are eighteen years of age and are contributing members in full membership.

Section 9. Any member twenty-one years of age and in good standing and in full membership for one year is eligible to any office in the Church and as a delegate to the Annual Conference; provided that where a church, circuit, station or mission has no member of said age, they may place in office in the church or elect as delegate to the Annual Conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Section 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the Church.

Section 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Section 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all moneys collected for various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also Conference collections.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Conference Steward to settle all incidental expenses of the Conference out of the Conference collections during the session and present the remainder to the Conference for disbursement.

Section 14. He shall pay over to the different boards or persons authorized to receive same all money received for the various benevolent purposes taking receipt and at which any other business in his hands shall make proper exhibit to the Conference during the session at which he was appointed, also at the expiration of his term of office.

Section 15. At the first Quarterly Conference of each Conference year the pastor shall call attention to the amount of the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for his support during the year. Immediately after each Quarterly Conference the pastor shall call attention of each class to the amount of his salary that is unpaid and in case the pastor neglects to do this, the Steward will not be held responsible if the full amount is not paid. In connection with Section 15, we recommend that at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of each year that a circuit steward be elected whose duty it shall be to collect the general and conference claims and forward same as soon as collected to the Conference

Steward and that the Conference Steward credit same to the charge from which it came, and notify the pastor of the amount received and how appropriated. And that the pastor keep a record of same for his final report.

Section 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the Annual Conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Section 17. The proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be recorded by the Secretary and properly arranged for printing in the annual minutes for which she shall receive reasonable compensation and the minutes shall be signed by the President and the Secretary.

Section 18. The Secretary shall take charge of all books and journals, records and proceedings of the Conference and transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

Section 19. The President shall be stationing authority of the Conference, calling to his aid as council one layman from each work represented.

Section 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers, there shall not be given to any one appointment who in the opinion of a majority of the members is incompetent for the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by conference to the unstationed list; provided that no minister or preacher who in the judgment of the conference is entitled to a superannuated relationship shall be transferred.

Section 21. It will be the duty of the President to see that deeds be taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church in the Louisiana District and have same recorded.

Section 22. That the President, Secretary, Conference Steward and Standing District Committee shall be elected at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on the first day of each annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 23. These by-laws can only be changed, altered or amended by giving one day's notice in open Conference of such change, alteration or amendment and it will require a

two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the conference.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Conference shall be opened promptly on the day and time appointed, the President conducting the devotional services. The roll shall then be called, after which the President shall read the annual report.

Section 2. During the morning of the second day of Conference all ministers and preachers under appointment of this Conference shall hand their reports to the Committee on Pastors' Report.

Section 3. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Section 4. All motions and resolutions shall be written if the President and Secretary request.

Section 5. When a motion is seconded or a resolution introduced and seconded or a report presented and is read by the Secretary or is stated by the President it shall be deemed in the possession of the Conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Section 6. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Section 7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which are placed namely; First, indefinite postponement; second, laying on the table; third, referred to a committee; fourth, postponement to a given time; fifth, substitute; sixth, amendment. A substitute may be amended.

Section 8. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference he shall arise and respectfully address the President but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Section 9. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subjects when he deems a speaker out of order and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Section 10. When a member wishes to speak on a question of privilege, he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall decide it a privileged question.

Section 11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question nor more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak have spoken; provided, however, that the mover of a resolution or a committee making a report shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Section 12. When a motion or resolution shall have been voted upon by the Conference it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration but a motion to reconsider is a non-debatable motion, and must be decided without debate.

Section 13. No person shall absent himself from the Conference without leave unless he is sick or unable to attend.

Section 14. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President except by leave of the Conference when he shall be necessarily absent.

Section 15. Every member who is in the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reason excuse him.

Section 16. It shall be in order for any member to call for the ayes and nays on any question before the Conference and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote shall be taken by the ayes and nays.

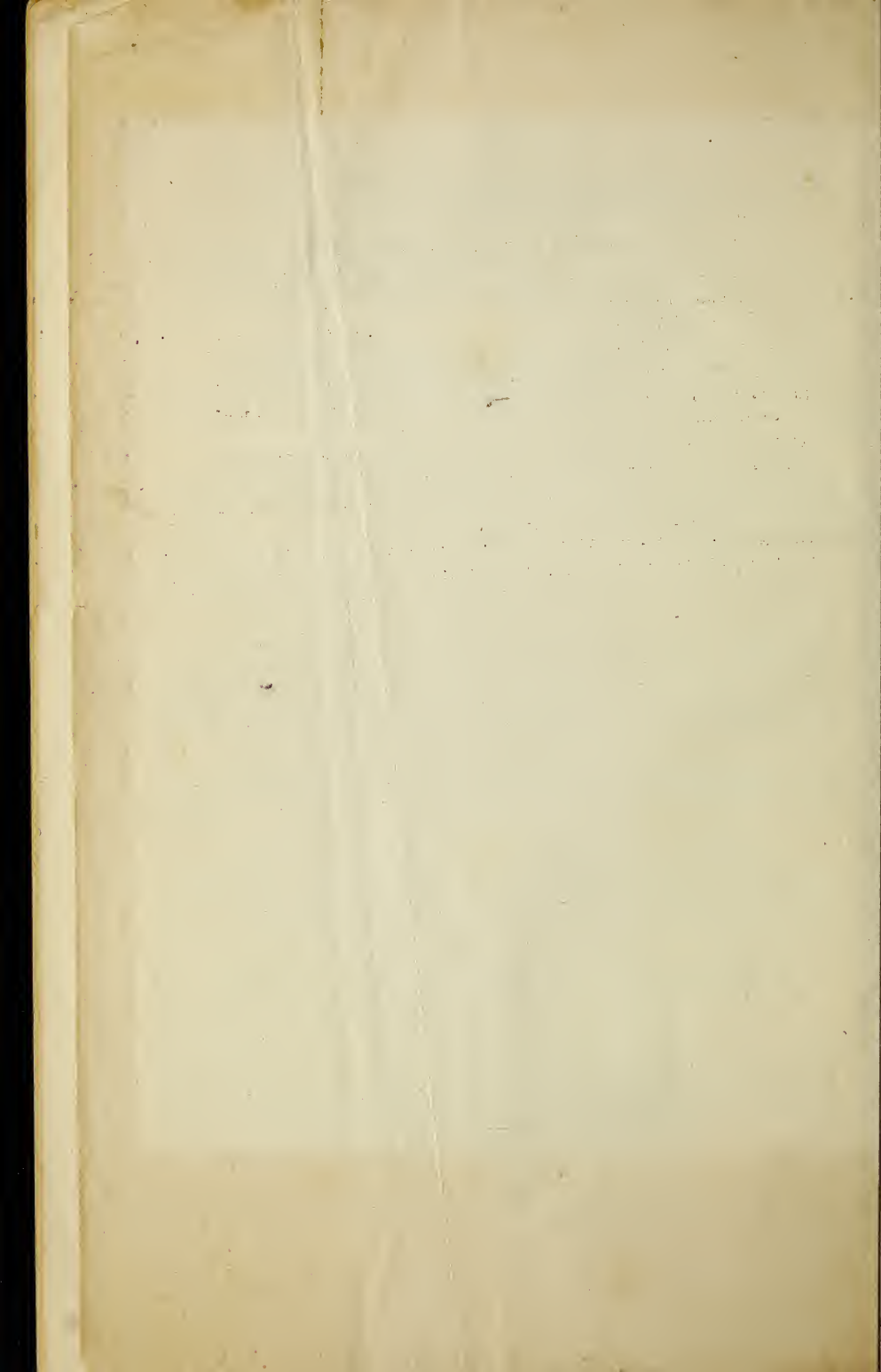
Section 17. It shall be in order to move the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending before the Conference except in cases where character is involved.

Section 18. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

Section 19. The President shall appoint the chairmen of committees on subjects of general interest and notify each chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each session of the Conference.

Section 20. The committee on examination shall be appointed one year in advance and meet at next Annual Conference one day prior to convening of that body and that the under-graduates meet said committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies.

Section 21. No minister or preacher who are members of this Conference shall intrude themselves on any Station; Circuit or Mission without first receiving an invitation or permission from the pastor in charge.



CHARGE	PASTOR	Promised Pastor	Parsonage Rent	Paid Pastor in Cash	Raised for Church Building	Raised for Church Improvement	Raised on Church Debt
Ansley.....	Yeager, Ira L.....	\$540.....		\$543.65			
Arcadia.....	Griffin, B. F.....	525	120.00	478.39			
Bastrop.....	Hearn, F. L.....			20.00			
Bentley.....	LaCroix, H. E.....	435		325.00	14.00		
Chatham.....	Strozier, J. R.....	600	150.00	395.00		18.00	
Campbell.....	Patton, I. A.....			300.00		100.00	
Dodson.....	Hearn, E. O.....			209.00			
Evergreen.....	Walker R. M.....			35.67			
Grayson.....	Shows, F. L.....	1200		769.32	220.33	90.99	
Hicks.....	McVey, G. A.....	315		315.00		25.00	
Jonesboro.....	Perdue, M. E.....	300	12 00	300.00			
Jena.....	Hearn, J. C.....	250		162.60			
Monroe.....	Yeager, Ira L.....	900	36.00	652.62			\$2
Mt. Nebo.....	McVey, G. A.....	350		350.00	500.00	20.00	
Queen City.....	Perdue, M. E.....	250		100.00		25.00	
Pine Grove.....	Durbin, Paul.....			25.00			
Roberts Mission.....	No Report.....						
Strickland.....	Boddie, L. A.....	500	36.50	188.29		27.75	
Urania.....	Williams, S. B. (Supply).....	350		350.00			
Winfield.....	Jones, J. A.....	300		248.97			
Colfax.....	Wardlow, Lula.....			65.18		81.00	2
TOTAL.....		6815	354.50	5833.69	860.33	387.74	\$4

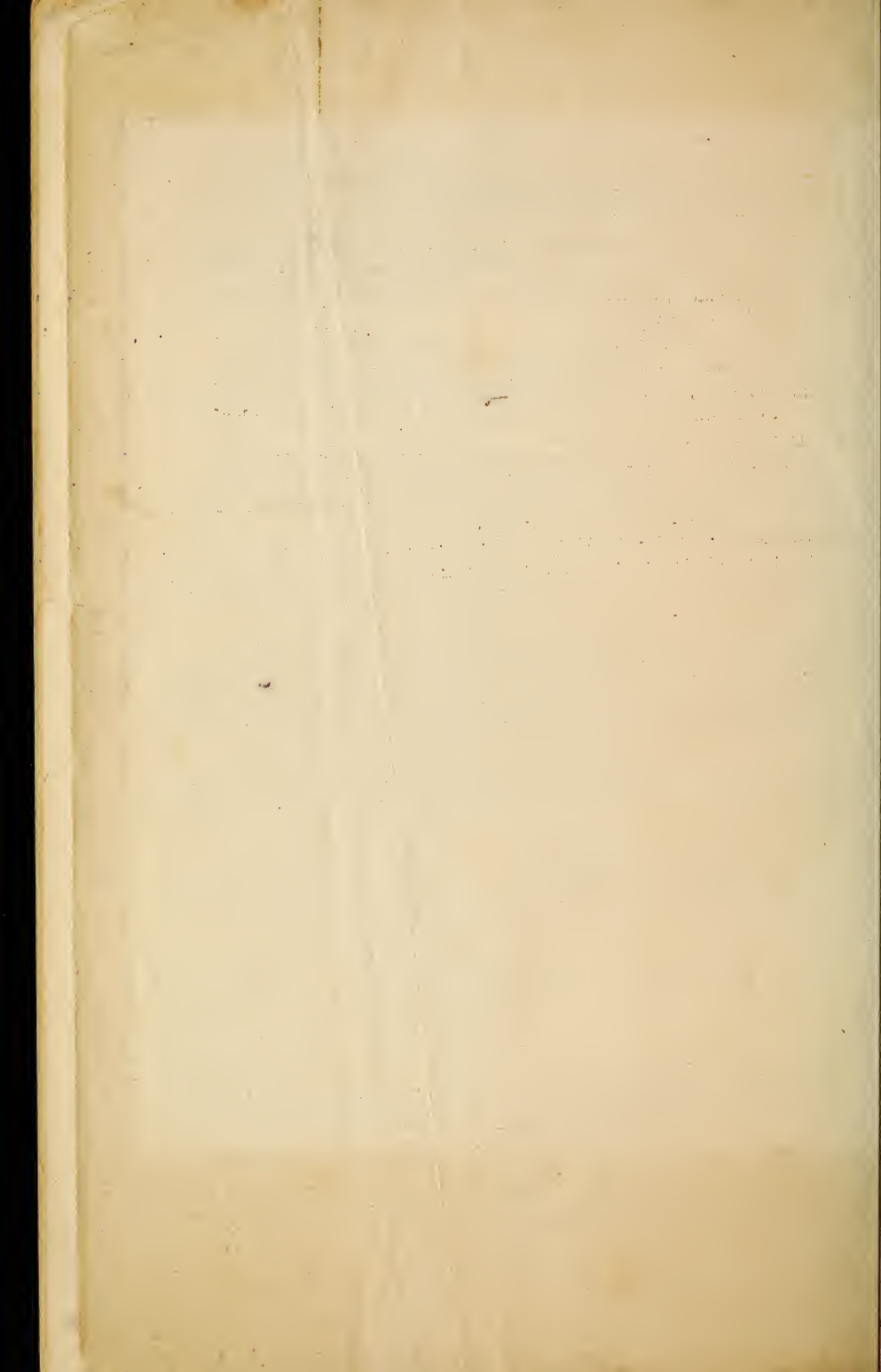


TABLE I—MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	PASTOR	No. of Appointments	Members Reported Last Year	No. of Additions	No. Removed	Present Membership	No. of Professions	No. of Baptisms	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of C. E. Societies	No. of Membership	No. of Missionary Societies	No. of Members	No. of Ladies Aids	No. of Members	Subs to Church Papers	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Church Buildings	Debt on Churches	Insurance on Churches	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Insurance on Parsonages	Value of Other Property
Ansley.....	Yeager, Ira L.....	1		10	4	84	15	9	1	11	90	3	50	3	35				1	\$2000		\$1000				
Arcadia.....	Griffin, B. F.....	4	157	8		168		3	1	5	48			1	12	2	22		4	4500			1	\$1600	\$1000	
Bastrop.....	Hearn, F. L.....	2	197			197			2	12	65	1	25						2	1500						
Bentley.....	LaCroix, H. E.....	4		12	2	165	15	7	1	6	60	1	30	1	35				4	2500			1	500		
Chatham.....	Strozier, J. R.....	4	337	22	6	353	48	10	4	28	190	5	168	2	34			4	4	5000			1	2000	1200	
Campbell.....	Patton, I. A.....	4	230	4		234	10	5	2	6	65	2	100						4	4	5000					\$150
Dodson.....	Hearn, E. O.....	2	95	3	2	96			1	7	48							2	2	1000						
Evergreen.....	Walker R. M.....	1				35	2																1	250		
Grayson.....	Shows, F. L.....	3	283	7	2	288	7	5	3	22	296	2	95	3	87				3	5000			1	3000		
Hicks.....	McVey, G. A.....	2	241	9	5	245	22	5	2	11	122	1	75	1	18				2	1500			1	800		500
Jonesboro.....	Perdue, M. E.....	1	53	14	1	66		9	1	4	50	1	20			1	10	5	1	1000			1	1000	100	
Jena.....	Hearn, J. C.....	2	61	3		64	3	1	1	5	25								2	1500						
Monroe.....	Yeager, Ira L.....	1	65	15	3	77	20	5	1	9	100	3	60	1	10				1	7500	675	1000	1	3500	1000	
Mt. Nebo.....	McVey, G. A.....	2		8		75	29	8	1	6	50	1	40	1	20				2	2000						
Queen City.....	Perdue, M. E.....	2	87	5	3	89		5	1	6	40								2	1000						
Pine Grove.....	Durbin, Paul.....	2	59	11		70	15	9											2	2000						
Roberts Mission.....	No Report.....																									
Strickland.....	Boddie, L. A.....	4		14		276	14	7	4	22				1	15			1	4	3000			1	500		
Urania.....	Williams, S. B. (Supply).....	1	73		15	58	13	1	1	6	58	1	20	1	20				1	1500	1000					
Winfield.....	Jones, J. A.....	4	150	27	7	170	40	10	2	12	140	1	40						4	2000						
Colfax.....	Wardlow, Lula.....	1	16	3	2	17	12												1	1200	39					
TOTAL.....		47	2273	175	52	2830	265	99	29	178	1457	22	723	15	286	3	32	12	46	49700	2714	\$2000	9	12150	\$4200	\$750

TABLE II, PROPERTY

BLE III—FINANCE

	Raised for Current Expenses	Raised by Sunday Schools	Raised by C. E. Society	Raised by Ladies Aid	Raised for President	Raised for Annual Conference Claims	Raised for H. M. Easter Offering	Raised for F. M. Childrens Day	Raised for Education Rally Day	Womans Missionary Society	Raised for Other General Conference Interests	Total Amount Raised
	\$100.00		\$ 8.85	130.40	100.00	\$25.00	\$6.25	\$4.65	\$7.82			926.35
	317.00	\$15.00		73.70	49.15	20.00						953.24
		30.00			10.00							60.00
		20.00	8.00		42.00							409.00
	50.00	56.08	17.00		50.00		7.12			\$45.50	\$1.14	639.84
		15.00	10.00		40.00							465.00
		13.37			35.30							257.67
						1.25						36.92
	297.50	390.10	50.72		140.00	50.00			12.35	307.59	97.75	2426.65
	2.00	31.40	10.55		38.00		2.75	3.27	4.55	77.45		473.97
		24.00		40.00	11.45	13.50						400.95
					3.50			2.00				168.10
0	188.00	147.99	43.00	82.86	60.00	34.24	11.16	7.70	10.00			1257.57
		12.50	9.50		26.00	1.00	2.00	1.77				960.32
		25.00										150.00
												25.00
	40.00	75.00		68.00	22.26		8.33	2.50				469.63
	10.00	28.00			24.00						1.00	412.00
	8.00	40.00	10.00		15.00							321.97
1	74.50				20.00	7.00	10.00	5.00				293.18
1	1085.00	923.44	167.62	394.96	686.66	151.99	36.45	26.89	34.72	430.54	99.89	11107.36

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Mt. Nebo.....	McVey, G. A.....	350		350.00	500.00	20.00			12.50	9.50		26.00	1.00	2.00	1.77				960.32
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Urania.....	Williams, S. B. (Supply).....	350		350.00				10.00	28.00			24.00							412.00
Winfield.....	Jones, J. A.....	300		248.97				8.00	40 00	10.00		15.00							321.97
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